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MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question relates to the South Arcot district. The hon. Member is putting a general question. If the Minister is prepared to answer I have no objection."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the entire matter of Adult Education is under the consideration of the Government—how to recognize it and how to do it effectively."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" முதியோர் கல்விப்பாடசாலைகளில் வேலை செய்யும் ஆசிரியர்களுக்குச் சம்பளம் சரிவர கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை என்பதும், அந்தப் பாடசாலைகளுக்குப் போதுமான விளக்கு வசதிகள் செய்து கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை என்பதும் சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? தெரிந்திருந்தால், இந்தக் குறைகளைப் போக்குவதற்குச் சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதைக் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிப்பார்களா? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If specific instances are brought to my notice, I shall have them rectified."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" புதிய ஆரம்பக் கல்வித் திட்டத்தின்படி ஆரம்பப் பாடசாலைகளின் நேரத்தைப் பாதியாகக் குறைத்திருக்கிறார்களே அதேபோல முதியோர் கல்விப் பாடசாலைகளின் படிப்பு நேரத்தையும் பாதியாக்குவதற்கு சர்க்கார் உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am really thankful for the very valuable suggestion made by the hon. Member. I shall have it examined properly."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, there had been strong criticisms that the money spent on adult education is a waste. Are the Government satisfied that they are getting the best in the educational field for the money they spend on adult education? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not want to prejudge the issue. I have my own opinion in the matter. That is why I said that the whole matter is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" முதியோர் கல்வித் திட்டப்படி இரவிலே நடக்கும் பள்ளிக்கூடங்களில் ' ஆனந்த விகடன் ', ' சுதேசமித்திரன் ' போன்ற பத்திரிகைகள் சர்க்கார் செலவிலேயே கொடுக்கப்படுகின்றனவே, அது ஏன் ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" அவைகள் வாசகசாலைகள் அல்லவே ! "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I am afraid there is some confusion in the mind of the hon. Member. If for the purpose of educating the adults, certain periodicals and certain books are necessary, and if those books are chosen by the persons concerned, the teachers concerned, the institutions concerned, they get them and the adults get the benefit of those magazines."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What is the number of persons who have been benefited by the scheme, that is, the number of persons made literate, and how many of such literates are alive? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not have the census. I think in the next census, we shall have some such data gathered."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, as there is a large volume of public opinion to the effect that attempts at adult education have been a failure, will Government consider spending these moneys for more useful purposes, namely, diverting the funds to education of the infants themselves? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I am glad to have the opinion of the hon. Member with regard to the adult education scheme. I shall bear that also in mind when this matter comes up for consideration."

Makaram crops affected by drought in Walluvanad taluk.

* 35 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report from the Collector of Malabar regarding the widespread drought affecting the Makaram crops this year in the taluk of Walluvanad ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what steps the Government have taken or propose to take to give relief to the suffering ryots of that taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The Collector has reported that although the second crop, especially that raised on high-lying single-crop wet lands, was affected by drought, cases are few where the ryot completely lost the crop on any one survey number.

" (*b*) The Government await a further report from the Collector in regard to the need for the grant of land revenue remission."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government have received any representations from the public and representatives of the people with regard to this drought in Walluvanad taluk and as some parts of Palghat and Ernad taluks have also been affected by this drought, may I know whether the report of the Collector contains any reference to these parts of the district? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, a large number of representations come generally from the Malabar district. There may be some from Walluvanad taluk also. As soon as the second report is received, I shall see what can be done."

Postponement of the collection of takkavi loans in Kancheepuram taluk.

* 36 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to postpone the collection of takkavi and other

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loans in Kancheepuram and Madurantakam taluks as a result of the complete failure of crops due to pest and the consequent hardship to the ryots in these areas?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" On a representation received from the hon. Member a report has been called for from the Collector of Chingleput in this regard. The Collector's report is awaited."

' Beggar homes.'

* 37 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the activities of beggar homes run by the Government in the City and in the State are;

(*b*) how many beggar homes, if any, are maintained by the Government and the number of beggars provided with shelter and occupation therein;

(*c*) the number maintained by private bodies to which subsidy is given by the Government;

(*d*) the schemes proposed by the Government to provide occupation and shelter to beggars in the streets, bus-stands and other business places; and

(*e*) the amount spent by the Government towards beggar homes in the State during the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Law) :—" (*a*) The Government have recently ordered the establishment, under the Madras City Police Act, of a ' Care Camp ' and a ' Care Home ' in the Melpakkam Depot buildings for people found begging in the City. Able-bodied beggars who are capable of ordinary manual labour are to be sent to the ' Care Camp ' under the orders of the Court under the provisions of the Madras City Police Act. The ' Care Home ' located in the same buildings is for infirm and diseased beggars. Inmates of the ' Care Camp ' who are physically capable of ordinary manual labour will be given suitable work. Both the ' Care Camp ' and the ' Care Home ' will be under Police management.

" (*b*) Except for the ' Care Camp ' and the ' Care Home ' recently ordered to be opened at the Melpakkam Depot buildings, no other institution is run by Government to shelter and provide occupation for beggars. The Government ' Care Camp ' and ' Care Home ' at Melpakkam Depot buildings when opened are expected to accommodate about 500 persons in all.

" (*c*) None of the beggar homes established under the City Police Act in Madras City and under the Madras Prevention of Begging Act, in the mufassal, which are under the management of the respective local bodies, is in receipt of Government subsidy.